

SUMMARY

During the next twenty years population for Kinston is expected to reach 37,000, with the one-mile area population expected to be an additional 6,000, totaling about 43,000 persons in the Kinston Planning Area. The 1990 non-white population should be approximately 42% of the total city population with the majority of the non-white population being in the category of 55 years of age and above and in the category of 24 years of age and under. Possible unexpected rapid population expansion may occur in the one-mile planning area and within a two-mile area of the corporate limits of Kinston. The reason being the possible cost increases of municipal services; thus causing development beyond the city limits but not so far beyond the city limits as to avoid the use of shopping facilities, recreation facilities, medical services and other similar services available in Kinston. An end result of a rapid population expansion in the two-mile area surrounding Kinston would be the heavy demand for such items as recreational facilities, libraries, possible private schools, refuse landfill areas, fire station and protection facilities and medical services and facilities, etc. Even now the intensity of use of some municipal services and facilities is high. The overall improvement of communication and coordination between Kinston and Lenoir County officials is a must. The establishment of a city-county recreational commission, refuse collection system and a city-county Trade Development Commission is of immediate importance to prevent